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Dear Ms. Wright and Mr. Ostler

RE: Barrick Mercur Mine Closure

Pursuant to my meetings with UDOGM on February 18, 1998, and UDWQ on February 19, 1998, I have provided below a composite summary of these meetings. My purpose in arranging for these meetings was to provide each agency an update on the status of closure activities at Mercur and obtain an approach for agency review and approval of necessary regulatory items. During each meeting, a discussion on the possibility of conducting monthly closure plan meetings was discussed and generally accepted as viable. Subsequent confirmation by the Divisions on the suitability of such meetings has been received.

Therefore, Barrick proposes to facilitate & coordinate monthly project progress meetings principally among Barrick, UDOGM & UDWQ. Tuesday afternoon appears to be the best day / time as Mercur management and consultants regularly meet Tuesday mornings. The following dates are tentatively scheduled for long-term planning purposes:

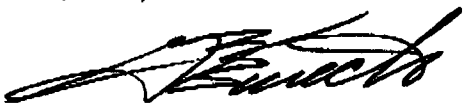
- March 10, 1998 @ UDWQ, 1:30 PM
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- May 12, 1998 @ Mercur, 1:30 PM
- June 9, 1998 @ Mercur, 1:30 PM
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Barrick is responsible for agenda preparation. The agenda for the initial March 10, 1998, meeting will be distributed to all parties on March 3, 1998. This initial meeting will highlight personnel involved in the Mercur closure, a project status update by Barrick, and a discussion of priority items provided by both Barrick and agency staff. At future meetings, additional consultants, other regulatory agencies, or political jurisdictions will be present as needed.

Barrick appreciates the willingness of UDOGM and UDWQ to work with us on the closure of the mine through this format. We are encouraged that a timely, environmentally acceptable closure plan for the Mercur Mine can be implemented to its fullest degree possible in 1998.

Respectfully;



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TENTATIVE AGENDA
Barrick Mercur Mine Monthly Closure Plan Meetings
March 10, 1998

- Introduction of Barrick closure management team.
- Introduction of UDOGM & UDWQ staff assigned to Mercur closure review & approval.
- Closure scope & schedule update - BARRICK.
- Status review of construction specifications and drawings – BARRICK.
 1. Valley Fill Leach Area 3 closure plan approval schedule.
 2. Mercur drainage road alignment specifications and schedule.
 3. Mercur / Sacramento Pit area drainage plan discussion.
 4. Tailing impoundment incidental flow management plan discussion.
 5. Tailing impoundment closure plan approval schedule.
 6. Other
- Status review of pending reviews & primary concerns - UDOGM.
- Status review of pending reviews & primary concerns - UDWQ.
- Discussion of agenda targets for April 1998 meeting – BARRICK / UDOGM / UDWQ.